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SUBJECT: CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

FOR CHARGE

1. YOU WILL BE AWARE FROM READING SEPTELS THAT CUBANS HAVE BEEN REFUELING AIRCRAFT IN BARBADOS. THESE AIRCRAFT HAVE CARRIED LARGE AMOUNTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL DESTINED FOR ANGOLA. BOTH BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD HAVE APPARENTLY REFUSED TO PERMIT REFUELING FOR SUCH AIRCRAFT, AND WE THINK IT AT LEAST POSSIBLE THAT CUBANS AND/OR SOVIETS MIGHT ASK GOS TO PERMIT REFUELING IN SURINAM.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP YOUR COMMENTS ON LIKELY GOS RESPONSE. FURTHERMORE, IF YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN KEEPING CUBAN AIRCRAFT OUT OF SURINAM, YOU MAY RAISE THIS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIALS AND URGE THAT THEY NOT COOPERATE IN THIS FLAGRANT CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. KISSINGER

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